

We claim:

1. A method for generating a password for a user, comprising:
presenting said user with at least one topic;
receiving one or more personal details from said user associated with said at least one topic;
ensuring that a correlation between said user and said one or more personal details does not violate one or more predefined correlation rules; and
recording said one or more personal details as a password for said user.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a reminder associated with each of said one or more personal details.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of presenting said user with a plurality of topics and receiving a user selection of said at least one topic.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein said correlation rules are based on said at least one topic.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more predefined correlation rules ensure that answers to user selected questions cannot be qualitatively correlated with said user.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more predefined correlation rules ensure that answers to user selected questions cannot be quantitatively correlated with said user.
- 25 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending said one or more personal details to said user as a reinforcement of said password.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more personal details are related to a personal fact from a past of said user.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more personal details are related to an experience of said user in connection with a public event.
- 5 10. The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more personal details are related to an experience of said user in connection with a private event.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more personal details can be tested during a verification phase using one or more of Boolean, multiple choice, numeric or textual queries.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one topic is selected based on psychological insights.
- 15 13. An apparatus for generating a password for a user, comprising:
a memory; and
at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:
present said user with at least one topic;
receive one or more personal details from said user associated with said at least
20 one topic;
ensure that a correlation between said user and said one or more personal details
does not violate one or more predefined correlation rules; and
record said one or more personal details as a password for said user.
- 25 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said processor is further configured to receive a reminder associated with each of said one or more personal details.
15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said processor is further configured to present said user with a plurality of topics and receive a user selection of said at least one topic.

16. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said correlation rules are based on said at least one topic.
17. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said one or more predefined correlation rules ensure that answers to user selected questions cannot be qualitatively correlated with said user.
- 5 18. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said one or more predefined correlation rules ensure that answers to user selected questions cannot be quantitatively correlated with said user.
- 10 19. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said processor is further configured to send said one or more personal details to said user as a reinforcement of said password.
20. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said one or more personal details are related to a personal fact from a past of said user.
- 15 21. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said one or more personal details are related to an experience of said user in connection with a public event.
22. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said one or more personal details are related to an experience of said user in connection with a private event.
- 20 23. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said one or more personal details can be tested during a verification phase using one or more of Boolean, multiple choice, numeric or textual queries.
- 25 24. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said at least one topic is selected based on psychological insights.

25. An article of manufacture for generating a password for a user, comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

presenting said user with at least one topic;

5 receiving one or more personal details from said user associated with said at least one topic;

ensuring that a correlation between said user and said one or more personal details does not violate one or more predefined correlation rules; and

recording said one or more personal details as a password for said user.